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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, Applicant respectfully requests that a citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO/SB/08 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States Patent.

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REMARKS

The attached PTO/SB/08 form lists related art references for the above identified application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(ii), no copies of the U.S. patent documents are being supplied herewith, but will be provided upon request.

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AA, AB, and AD–AG were cited in German Office Actions in the prosecution of the priority application. Reference AC is a U.S. Patent corresponding to German patent document reference AF.

As to reference AD, this document shows a data line on which data according to an extended ISDN method are transmitted. A data line connects a line termination on the Central Office side with a network termination on the subscriber side. In the line termination, data for a connection oriented transmission and data for a non-connection oriented transmission are separated. Data for the non-connection oriented transmission are transferred to an intermediate station which transfers the data to the Internet or to an ATM network.

An ISDN time frame used for transmission comprises two b-channels and one data channel. The data channel comprises mostly synchronization data. The b-channels are used for transmission of user data which may be connection oriented or non-connection oriented data. For indicating a packet oriented transmission in the ISDN frame, a packet signal is inserted at predefined positions. At the end of each frame, six bits (M1 to M6) are transferred for the transmission purpose of servicing and internal operation.

This document does not disclose a common channel as specified in the independent claims since there is no common usage described for the six bits M1 to M6. Furthermore, there is no synchronous insertion described.

The remaining references are in English, and therefore no commentary on their teaching is required.

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